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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of Documents A1 and A2 is described in the present specification.

Document A3 discloses an electronic still camera with portable telephone functions.

Document A4 discloses an optical character recognizing device and counting equipment reader provided with dictionary for the same.

Document A5 discloses a portable information processor and electronic camera.

Document A6 discloses a digital electronic camera.

Document A7 discloses a portable telephone set having camera function.

Document A8 discloses a phone provided with a camera lens, finder and a shutter.

Document A9 discloses an electronic device provided with an electronic camera.

English translations of Documents A1 - A9 are not readily available, however, English language abstracts are provided for Documents A1 – A9. The absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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